

# Commission for Women's Chess (WOM)

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Following the appointment of the Women's Commission under the co-Chair of former Women World Champion GM Susan Polgar and FIDE Senior Vice President IM Martha Fierro Baquero in the FIDE General Assembly in Tromsø, Norway, we present below the report for the activities for the last nine months.

The Women's Commission has been very active in promoting the participation of all female players, arbiters, trainers and organisers in various events and activities around the world. This report will highlight the main FIDE activities whilst noting a number of continental and regional initiatives. More detailed information can be obtained from : <http://womenchess.fide.com/>

## 1. EVENTS

### 1.1 FIDE WOMEN GRAND PRIX – SHARJAH, UAE

Immediately following the end of the Olympiad and General Assembly in Norway the last leg of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix was held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates between the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014. GM Ju Wenjun and GM Hou Yifan became the winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> stage of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix in Sharjah.

The overall title and winner of the Grand Prix series went to GM Hou Yifan. Full results of the whole series are presented overleaf.

Overall standings were as follows:

| No | Player                         | Geneva | Dilijan | Tashkent | Khanty<br>Mansiysk | Lopota | Sharjah | Best 3       |
|----|--------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| 1  | Hou Yifan (China)              | 45     |         |          | 160                | 160    | 145     | <b>465.0</b> |
| 2  | Koneru Humpy (India)           |        | 160     | 160      |                    | 50     | 60      | <b>380.0</b> |
| 3  | Ju Wenjun (China)              | 75     |         | 70       |                    | 120    | 145     | <b>340.0</b> |
| 4  | Anna Muzychuk (Slovenia)       | 130    | 120     |          | 85                 | 50     |         | <b>335.0</b> |
| 5  | Nana Dzagnidze (Georgia)       | 100    | 120     |          | 65                 | 90     |         | <b>310.0</b> |
| 6  | Bela Khotenashvili (Georgia)   | 160    | 10      | 120      |                    | 20     |         | <b>300.0</b> |
| 7  | Kateryna Lahno (Russia)        | 60     |         | 120      | 85                 |        |         | <b>265.0</b> |
| 8  | Dronavalli Harika (India)      |        | 60      | 85       |                    | 75     | 87.5    | <b>247.5</b> |
| 9  | Anna Ushenina (Ukraine)        | 75     | 80      |          | 45                 |        | 87.5    | <b>242.5</b> |
| 10 | Tatiana Kosintseva (Russia)    | 100    | 90      |          | 15                 |        | 40      | <b>230.0</b> |
| 11 | Zhao Xue (China)               |        |         | 85       | 45                 | 30     | 87.5    | <b>217.5</b> |
| 12 | Alexandra Kosteniuk (Russia)   | 45     |         | 55       | 110                | 50     |         | <b>215.0</b> |
| 13 | Olga Girya (Russia)            | 10     | 30      | 55       | 130                |        |         | <b>215.0</b> |
| 14 | Elina Danielian (Armenia)      |        | 30      | 40       |                    | 120    | 50      | <b>210.0</b> |
| 15 | Antoaneta Stefanova (Bulgaria) |        | 60      | 30       | 65                 | 75     |         | <b>200.0</b> |
| 16 | Bat. Tuvshintugs (Mongolia)    | 20     | 60      |          | 15                 |        | 87.5    | <b>167.5</b> |
| 17 | Nafisa Muminova (Uzbekistan)   |        |         | 20       | 30                 | 10     | 20      | <b>70.0</b>  |
| 18 | Viktorija Cmilyte (Lithuania)  | 30     | 30      |          |                    |        |         | <b>60.0</b>  |
| 19 | Zhu Chen (Qatar)               |        |         |          |                    |        | 30      | <b>30.0</b>  |
| 20 | Gul. Nakhbayeva (Kazakhstan)   |        |         | 10       |                    |        |         | <b>10.0</b>  |
| 21 | Alina L'Ami (Romania)          |        |         |          |                    |        | 10      | <b>10.0</b>  |

## 1.2 FIDE WOMEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The official closing ceremony of the Women's World Chess Championship took place in SCC Galactica (Sochi, Krasnaya Polyana) on April 6. 64 players from 28 countries competed for the chess crown from March 16 to April 5.

In the final match Mariya Muzychuk from Ukraine defeated Natalia Pogonina from Russia (the final score is 2.5-1.5) and became the 15th Women's World Champion.

The closing ceremony was attended by Arkady Dvorkovich, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Russian Deputy Prime Minister, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the FIDE President, Andrey Filatov, the RCF President.

The champion and the runner-up received gold and silver medals made by the Adamas Fine Jewelry as well as special cups by the Imperial Porcelain Factory. Harika Dronavalli, who tied for the third place, also received a memorable gift. The players expressed their gratitude to organizers and sponsors for the wonderfully organized event and expressed their hope to see many more tournaments played in Sochi.

### 1.3 FIDE WOMEN WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2015, CHENGDU, CHINA

Georgia took the gold medal with 17 match points, conceding only one tie to Russia. GM Bela Khotenashvili was by far the best top board, scoring 7,5/9 points with a 2699-elo performance. Meri Arabidze was the best 3rd board with 6/7. Russia had another strong performance to claim the silver medal and China was third with 11 match points, claiming the bronze medal.

| No | Team       | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | MP | Pts. | SB     |
|----|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|--------|
| 1  | GEORGIA    | *  | 2  | 2½ | 2½ | 2½ | 3  | 3  | 2½ | 3  | 4  | 17 | 25   | 142,50 |
| 2  | RUSSIA     | 2  | *  | 3  | 2½ | 2½ | 2  | 2  | 3½ | 3½ | 4  | 15 | 25   | 125,75 |
| 3  | CHINA      | 1½ | 1  | *  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 3  | 3½ | 4  | 11 | 22   | 78,25  |
| 4  | INDIA      | 1½ | 1½ | 2  | *  | 2  | 1½ | 3  | 3½ | 3  | 4  | 10 | 22   | 69,50  |
| 5  | UKRAINE    | 1½ | 1½ | 2  | 2  | *  | 3½ | 2½ | ½  | 3  | 3½ | 10 | 20   | 72,50  |
| 6  | KAZAKHSTAN | 1  | 2  | 2  | 2½ | ½  | *  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 3½ | 9  | 17½  | 71,75  |
| 7  | ARMENIA    | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1½ | 2  | *  | 2½ | 2  | 3  | 7  | 16   | 47,25  |
| 8  | POLAND     | 1½ | ½  | 1  | ½  | 3½ | 2  | 1½ | *  | 2  | 3  | 6  | 15½  | 39,25  |
| 9  | U.S.A.     | 1  | ½  | ½  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 2  | 2  | *  | 3  | 5  | 13   | 28,50  |
| 10 | EGYPT      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | ½  | ½  | 1  | 1  | 1  | *  | 0  | 4    | 0,00   |

### 1.4 OTHER FIDE EVENTS

**World Youth Championships 2014** (Durban, South Africa) held between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2014. The winners of the six female categories were :

|      |                         |     |         |
|------|-------------------------|-----|---------|
| U-8  | Davaakhuu Munkhzul      | MGL | 8.5 /11 |
| U-10 | WFM Divya Deshmukh      | IND | 10/11   |
| U-12 | WFM Yu Jennifer R       | USA | 10/11   |
| U-14 | WFM Zhou Qiyu           | CAN | 8.5/11  |
| U-16 | WFM Unuk Laura          | SLO | 9/11    |
| U-18 | WGM Saduakassova Dinara | KAZ | 10/11   |

**World Junior U20 Championships 2014** (Pune, India) was held between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2014. WGM Goryachkina Aleksandra of Russia dominated the event to win with 11 points out of 13 games. She was followed by WGM Khademalsharieh Sarasadat of Iran (Silver) and WIM Chumpitaz Ann (Peru) who took bronze both with 9.5 points.

**World Senior Championships 2014** (Katerini, Greece) held between 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Winner of Women F50 category was WIM Svetlana Mednikova from Russia, whilst the winner of the F65 category was GM Nona Gaprindashvili from Georgia.

**World Schools Individual Championships 2014** (Juiz de Fora, Brazil) held between 26 Nov 2014 and 4 Dec 2014. Indonesia and Peru dominated these events. Winners for the six girl events as follows

|            |                           |     |       |
|------------|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| U-7 Girls  | Contreras, Fiorella       | PER | 9/9   |
| U-9 Girls  | Ezizova, Bagul            | TKM | 8.5/9 |
| U-11 Girls | Walukow, Theodora Paulina | INA | 8/9   |
| U-13 Girls | Hilario, Aleyla           | PER | 8/9   |
| U-15 Girls | Faruq, Afifa Ayyun        | INA | 8/9   |
| U-17 Girls | Aulia, Medina Warda       | INA | 9/9   |

**World Senior Team Chess Championship 2015** (Dresden, Germany) held between 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Germany edged out the stronger seeded Russian team to take the gold medals followed by Russia (silver) and Latvia (Bronze)

**World Amateur Championship 2015** (Halkidiki, Greece) held between 14<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The winner of the Women section of the Championships was WCM Gitu Paula Alexandra from Moldova with 8 from 9 points.

## 2. FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Ms. Keenese Katiseng has been provided with assistance from WOM so she can assist in the 2015 United Nations Leadership Program for Sport for Peace and Development that will take place in Florida, USA in June 2015.
- WOM will also sponsor part of the ticket for the Castle Camp Scholarship <http://www.castlechess.org/dnn/> whilst the Castle Camp will pay for internal transportation, accommodation , food and training.
- Rumbo a la Gran Maestría :  
We have girls participating from :  
Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica
- Online training lessons with GM Pablo LaFuente since March until December.
- 7 selected girls will participate and travel to 3 tournaments in Europe, WOM will cover accommodation, food and entry fee :  
- International Open Salinello (Italy)

- International Open Forni di Sopra (Italy)
- International Open Benasque ( Spain)

- **Chess for Girls** Training and Competition will be held at Webster University's Vienna (Austria) campus, June 28 – July 5. Ten of the world's top Girl U-21 players (one per country) have confirmed their participation. The event is co-sponsored by the WOM, Webster University, the Austrian Chess Federation and the Susan Polgar Foundation.

- The 1st FIDE **World Online Women Blitz Championship 2015** will be held on FIDE online arena platform hosted on web address: <http://arena.myfide.net/> starting from June 18th, 2015.

### 3. TRAINERS SEMINARS

WOM co-organized 2 FIDE Trainer Seminars

- Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 8-10. There were 19 participants (including 2 GMs, 5 IMs , 2 FMs.
- Panama, May 15-17 (41 participants from Costa Rica, Colombia, Nicaragua, Peru, Cuba, Panama).

### 4. CAISSA AWARD

The winner of the 2014 Caissa award is Ms. Hou Yifan of China.

### 5. TITLES

Since Tromso General Assembly, the following titles have been awarded to female players:

#### **Woman Grand Master (WGM)**

| Publ.      | ID       | Name           | Country | Rtng. | Birthday |
|------------|----------|----------------|---------|-------|----------|
| 2014-10-09 | 13403729 | Mammadzada     | AZE     | 2316  | 2000     |
| 2014-10-10 | 1131044  | Kulon, Klaudia | POL     | 2378  | 1992     |
| 2014-10-22 | 8602425  | Gong, Qianyun  | SIN     | 2374  | 1985     |
| 2015-04-20 | 8608466  | Ni, Shiqun     | CHN     | 2382  | 1997     |
| 2015-02-24 | 4900782  | Nomin-Erdene   | MGL     | 2356  | 2000     |
| 2015-02-05 | 1017292  | Haast, Anne    | NED     | 2373  | 1993     |

#### **Woman International Master (WIM)**

| Publ.      | ID       | Name           | Country | Rtng. | Birthday |
|------------|----------|----------------|---------|-------|----------|
| 2014-11-07 | 4500512  | Narva, Mai     | EST     | 2210  | 1999     |
| 2014-10-13 | 13600974 | Imnadze, Nato  | GEO     | 2175  | 1996     |
| 2014-10-02 | 4264312  | Tsolakidou, St | GRE     | 2305  | 2000     |
| 2014-10-10 | 16500270 | Blagojevic, T  | MNE     | 2154  | 1997     |
| 2014-10-10 | 933988   | Milovic, Al    | MNE     | 2222  | 1986     |
| 2014-10-10 | 931411   | Stojanovic, M  | MNE     | 2199  | 1983     |
| 2014-10-01 | 14202182 | Baymuratova    | UZB     | 2157  | 1990     |

|            |          |                       |     |      |      |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|-----|------|------|
| 2014-10-01 | 14201437 | Gevorgyan, Ir         | UZB | 2185 | 1990 |
| 2015-04-02 | 704814   | Havanez, Bianka       | HUN | 2244 | 1994 |
| 2015-04-20 | 5005736  | Michelle Catherina, P | IND | 2215 | 1996 |
| 2015-01-14 | 5050847  | Nandhidhaa, PV        | IND | 2224 | 1996 |
| 2014-12-10 | 5000629  | Pratyusha, Bodda      | IND | 2270 | 1997 |
| 2015-04-14 | 12500330 | Derakhshani, Dorsa    | IRI | 2208 | 1998 |
| 2015-02-24 | 4900790  | Otgonjargal, Seng     | MGL | 2227 | 1982 |
| 2015-03-02 | 1134299  | Lach, Aleksandra      | POL | 2227 | 1995 |
| 2015-03-19 | 1130790  | Warakomska, Anna      | POL | 2239 | 1992 |
| 2015-01-21 | 900451   | Zarkovic, Mila        | SRB | 2201 | 1996 |

An analysis of the table of titles and rated players shows clearly that much work needs to be done to get a more equitable balance in FIDE.

## ANALYSIS OF FIDE TITLES AND RATINGS

|                             | FEMALE       | MALE          | TOTAL          | % FEMALE     |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| ALL PLAYERS                 | 63,979       | 452,236       | <b>516,215</b> | 12.4%        |
| GRANDMASTER                 | 32           | 1,464         | <b>1,496</b>   | 2.1%         |
| WOMEN GRANDMASTER           | 283          | -             | <b>283</b>     | 100.0%       |
| INT MASTER                  | 97           | 3,331         | <b>3,428</b>   | 2.8%         |
| WOMEN INT MASTER            | 715          | -             | <b>715</b>     | 100.0%       |
| FIDE MASTER                 | 12           | 6,841         | <b>6,853</b>   | 0.2%         |
| WOMEN FIDE MASTER           | 1,399        | -             | <b>1,399</b>   | 100.0%       |
| CANDIDATE MASTER            | 9            | 1,030         | <b>1,039</b>   | 0.9%         |
| WOMEN CAND MASTER           | 466          | -             | <b>466</b>     | 100.0%       |
| <b>TOTAL TITLED PLAYERS</b> | <b>3,013</b> | <b>12,666</b> | <b>15,679</b>  | <b>19.2%</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL ARBITER       | 134          | 1,773         | <b>1,907</b>   | 7.0%         |
| FIDE ARBITER                | 186          | 1,244         | <b>1,430</b>   | 13.0%        |
| <b>TOTAL ARBITERS</b>       | <b>320</b>   | <b>3,017</b>  | <b>3,337</b>   | <b>9.6%</b>  |
| FIDE SENIOR TRAINER         | 5            | 152           | <b>157</b>     | 3.2%         |
| FIDE TRAINER                | 59           | 633           | <b>692</b>     | 8.5%         |
| FIDER INSTRUCTOR            | 124          | 904           | <b>1,028</b>   | 12.1%        |
| NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR         | 93           | 703           | <b>796</b>     | 11.7%        |
| DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR      | 117          | 598           | <b>715</b>     | 16.4%        |
| <b>TOTAL TRAINERS</b>       | <b>398</b>   | <b>2,990</b>  | <b>3,388</b>   | <b>11.7%</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL ORGANISER     | 24           | 363           | <b>387</b>     | 6.2%         |

### 6. PROPOSALS

Annex 1 is a copy of the proposals given to the FIDE Presidential Board. Unfortunately none of the Chairpersons were able to attend and we feel that these proposals should be reviewed and discussed during the Commission meeting in Abu Dhabi and then if appropriate, represented to the Executive Board at a later stage.